

COUNTRY CAMBODIA  
DOI JULY 1974  
SUBJECT DETENTION OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR BY COMMUNISTS  
IN CAMBODIA  
ACQ 5 - 20 NOVEMBER 1974  
SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. AROUND 5 JULY 1974 A TELEGRAM FROM K H I E U SAMPHAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (GRUNK), WAS RECEIVED BY THE NATIONAL UNITED FRONT OF KAMPUCHEA (FUNK) "BUREAU POLITIQUE" IN PEKING STATING THAT SERGEANT GLENN H A R R I S AND SERGEANT MICHAEL B. V A R N A D O HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND WERE BEING HELD BY COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE KHMER COMMUNIST AREA OF KRATIE PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, AS OF JULY 1974. THE TELEGRAM WAS SHOWN TO PRINCE HOROSOM S I H A N O U K WHO READ IT AND RETURNED IT TO THE BUREAU. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE TELEGRAM WAS ONLY A FEW LINES LONG AND DID NOT MENTION THE HEALTH OF THE PRISONERS OR ANY PLANS TO MOVE THEM FROM KRATIE. IT GAVE ONLY THE NAMES AND GRADES OF THE AMERICANS AND STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND WERE BEING HELD BY THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLES' NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMED FORCES /CPNLAF/ IN KRATIE.)

2. DURING A DISCUSSION WHICH SIHANOUK HELD WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS ENTOURAGE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WESTERN PRISONERS SHOULD BE KEPT ALIVE FOR POLITICAL REASONS, I.E., POSSIBLE PRISONER EXCHANGE, UNTIL AFTER THE "LIBERATION" OF CAMBODIA. (SOURCE COMMENT: CABLES OF THIS NATURE REGULARLY GO FROM CAMBODIA TO HANOI, THEN TO PEKING, BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THREE AND A HALF YEARS AMERICAN NAMES WERE SEEN. THERE IS SPECULATION, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER WESTERNERS, PROBABLY FRENCH, ARE BEING HELD IN CAMBODIA.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: SENT TO PHNOM PENH (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ONLY) SAIGON (DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE) BANGKOK (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ONLY) CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVES ONLY).

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